

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 13.945 Ha (9.038 Ha in Nirmal division and 4.907 Ha in Khanapur division) of forest land for widening and strengthening of existing intermediate lane/ two lane to two lane with paved shoulders from km 678+555 to km 699+655 of **Nirmal to Khanapur section of NH61** extended in the State of Telangana under NH(O) through EPC mode in favour of the Regional Officer, MORTH, Hyderabad. – **Final (Stage-II) approval** – Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 7

Dated: 05-03-2024
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF (HoFF) (FAC), Telangana State, Hyderabad, Lr.No.816/2021/FCA1, Dt:28.05.2021.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.1897/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:11.06.2021.
- 3.From the Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB186/2021-HYD/45, Dt:18.08.2021.
- 4.From the PCCF (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, Rc.No.FC1/FC03/52/2022(i), Dated:02.02.2023.
- 5.Govt. Lr.No.1897/For.I(1)/2021, Dt:08.03.2023.
- 6.From the Asst.Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyd., F.No.4-TSC184/2021-HYD/901, Dt.28.12.2023.

ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 13.945 Ha (9.038 Ha in Nirmal division and 4.907 Ha in Khanapur division) of forest land for widening and strengthening of existing intermediate lane/ two lane to two lane with paved shoulders from km 678+555 to km 699+655 of **Nirmal to Khanapur section of NH61** extended in the State of Telangana under NH(O) through EPC mode in favour of the Regional Officer, MORTH, Hyderabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II) approval** for diversion of 13.945 Ha (9.038 Ha in Nirmal division and 4.907 Ha in Khanapur division) of forest land for widening and strengthening of existing intermediate lane/ two lane to two lane with paved shoulders from km 678+555 to km 699+655 of **Nirmal to Khanapur section of NH61**

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extended in the State of Telangana under NH(O) through EPC mode in favour of the Regional Officer, MORTH, Hyderabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and report compliance.
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 35.00 ha in degraded forest area in Compt. INo. 101 of Kadamba RF, Kanki Beat, Koutala Section of Sirpur Range of Kagaznagar Forest Division at the cost of the User Agency.
- iv. The Degraded forest land identified for CA purposes and the CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- v. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land wherever required, the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- vi. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling, at the cost of the User Agency.
- vii. The required number of Animal Passages with appropriate specifications as per the MoEFCC and WII guidelines shall be constructed at the cost of the User Agency in consultation with forest department. Chain link fencing shall be erected on either side of the animal passage on both sides of the road to a length of 100 m in a funnel model for diverting of Wildlife towards the animal pass to cross the road.
- viii. The user agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost.
- ix. Construction of culverts/bridges/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water logging and does not hamper the movement of wild animals.
- x. Road side cuttings and fillings that require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned to stabilize the soil.
- xi. The User Agency shall carryout Afforestation at ration of 1:10 for each felling of the tree, either in the nearby forest area or in an appropriate place in consultation with the DFO concerned, and shall undertake the maintenance work to ensure its survival rate is not less than 90% at least for a period of 5 years and thereafter, make arrangements for protecting trees against destruction and ensure its survival.
- xii. The width of the road at specific changes shall be as per the Recommendations of the Forest Divisional Officers of the Khanapur and Nirmal Forest Division.

- xiii. The speed control structures such as Rumble strips as is done in NH shall be placed at every 01 Km of road passing through Forest area.
- xiv. The kindling of any fire in the forest shall not be allowed and the road work shall be done between 7 AM to 5 PM only.
- xv. The revised mitigation plan for 10 years period shall be implemented at the cost of the User Agency.
- xvi. The User Agency shall clear all the debris at the underpass and surroundings area immediately after the work completion and also periodically every 04 months.
- xvii. Animal crossing and speed limit signs in forest areas shall be erected at regular intervals in consultation with the DFO concerned by the User Agency.
- xviii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- xix. User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- xx. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- xxi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- xxii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xxiii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Department Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- xxiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xxv. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency of the project life, whichever is less.
- xxvi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- xxvii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- xxviii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, Dt:29.01.2018.
- xxix. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change its Regional/Sub Office and /or the State Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be complied with by the concerned.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.VANI PRASAD
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER.